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## **Maryland wheat and barley production increases from 2011**

As of July 1, Maryland grain producers expect to harvest 13.2 million bushels of winter wheat in 2012, up 6 percent from 2011. Barley production is expected to total 3.4 million bushels in 2012, up 20 percent from last year. Spring weather conditions were conducive for good yields and harvesting progress.

**Maryland:** Wheat production is expected to total 13.2 million bushels, up 6 percent from last year's production of 12.5 million bushels. Producers expect to harvest 210,000 acres of wheat, up 11 percent from 190,000 acres harvested last year. The 2012 yield of 63 bushels per acre is 3 bushels less than last year's average of 66 bushels per acre, and unchanged from the June 1 forecast. According to the July 9<sup>th</sup> Weather and Crop Progress Report, 97 percent of the winter wheat acres had been harvested.

Maryland barley production for 2012 is expected to total 3.5 million bushels, up 20 percent from 2011. The Maryland yield is projected at 75 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from last year. Barley harvested acreage is up 10,000 acres from last year to 46,000 acres. According to the July 9<sup>th</sup> Weather and Crop Progress Report, the barley harvest is complete.

**Delaware:** Wheat and barley acreage and production forecasts are no longer published monthly for Delaware. The forecast will now be included in "Other States" and the annual state production estimate will be published in the September Crop Report.

**United States:** Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.67 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the June 1 forecast but up 12 percent from 2011. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.7 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month and 1.5 bushels more than last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 35.0 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 29, 2012 but up 8 percent from last year.

**ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2011 AND 2012**

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Maryland		1,000 Acres				1,000			
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	500	490	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	430	425	109	----	46,870	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	16	----	960	----
Soybeans <sup>1</sup>	BU	470	480	465	475	38.5	----	17,903	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	260	295	190	210	66	63	12,540	13,230
Barley	BU	50	58	36	46	80	75	2,880	3,450
Hay, All	TON	----	----	220	220	2.65	----	584	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	35	35	4.0	----	140	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	185	185	2.4	----	444	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	40,000	----
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.9	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	2.2	<sup>1/</sup>	2.2	<sup>1/</sup>	300	<sup>1/</sup>	660	<sup>1/</sup>
Delaware		1,000 Acres				1,000			
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	190	195	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	182	187	130	----	23,660	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	6	----	14	----	84	----
Soybeans <sup>1</sup>	BU	170	180	168	178	39	----	6,552	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	80	85	75	82	69	----	5,175	----
Barley	BU	35	38	32	34	88	----	2,816	----
Hay, All	TON	----	----	15	15	2.53	----	38	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	5	5	3.0	----	15	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	10	10-	2.3	----	23	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	250	290	400	406
United States		1,000,000							
Corn	ACR	91,921	96,405	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	83,981	88,851	147.2	----	12,358	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	5,928	----	18.4	----	109	----
Soybeans	BU	74,976	76,080	73,636	75,315	41.5	----	3,056	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	40,646	41,819	32,314	35,023	46.2	47.7	1,494	1,670
Barley	BU	2,559	3,678	2,239	3,268	69.6	66.3	156	217
All Hay	TON	----	----	55,633	57,669	2.36	----	131	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	19,213	18,827	3.40	----	65	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	36,420	38,842	1.81	----	66	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9.4	----
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.07	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	48.2	48.4	46	47.5	282	342	13.0	16.0

<sup>1/</sup> Not published.